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SUBJ: PACIFIC COAST FISHING LICENSE SITUATION

1. SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE HAS RECENTLY CONSULTED WITH CHIEF OF GOM SAN DIEGO LICENSING OFFICE TO CLARIFY CURRENT LICENSING SITUATION FOR CALIFORNIA FISHERMEN OPERATING IN MEXICAN WATERS. AS RESULT IT APPEARS CLEAR THAT (1) LICENSES ARE BEING RENEWED BY RADIO, (2) LICENSES ARE BEING ISSUED ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS UP TO 1971 LEVEL OF NUMBERS AND TOTAL TONNAGE BUT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY HISTORY OF PREVIOUS LICENSE PURCHASE, (3) BAITING AT MAGDALENA BAY AND SAN QUINTIN IS PERMITTED, (4) EXTENSIONS OF LICENSE PERIODS GRANTED IN MEXICO CITY MEETING OF JANUARY 4-5 ARE DEFINITELY NO LONGER AVAILABLE. ON LAST POINT, AMIN ZARUR REPORTEDLY RECOGNIZED ADDED FINANCIAL BURDEN TO SMALLER VESSELS BUT STATED THAT SO MANY GOM OFFICES HAD BEEN INFORMED OF DECISION THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE IT OR REOPEN QUESTION PRIOR TO REVIEW MEETING PLANNED TO BE HELD AROUND JUNE.

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2. WITH RADIO RENEWALS AVAILABLE, WE JUDGE FISHERMEN CAN
MANAGE TO OPERATE, THOUGH AT SOME ADDED COST, WITHOUT
EXTENSIONS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS MEETING TO REVIEW OPERATION

OF SYSTEM IS HELD. HOWEVER, BECAUSE REVOCATION OF EXTEN-
SIONS IS SUCH DIRECT REVERSAL OF UNDERSTANDING REACHED AND
RECORDED IN BILATERAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONVERSATIONS AND
WAS DONE WITHOUT EVEN COURTESY OF CONSULTATION, DEPARTMENT
FEELS THAT UNLESS EMBASSY SEES SOME OBJECTION IT SHOULD BE
BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF FONOFF, WITH SUITABLE EXPRESSION
OF OUR SURPRISE AND DISMAY OVER UNEXPECTED BREACH OF UNDER-
STANDING AND OUR CONCERN OVER ECONOMIC EFFECTS ON SMALL
BOAT FISHERMEN. ROGERS

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